

..urging him not to take away health insurance from America's veterans.

Congressman Pence, along with House Republican Leader John Boehner (R-OH), Whip Eric Cantor (R-VA), Policy Committee Chairman Thaddeus McCotter (R-MI), Chief Deputy Whip Kevin McCarthy (R-CA), Conference Vice-Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers, Veterans' Affairs Committee Ranking Republican Steve Buyer (R-IN), and 17 other Republican members of the House [signed a letter to President Obama](#) , which said in part:

*We are writing to express our profound disappointment over news reports that your Administration is considering a proposal to breach a solemn obligation to our nation's veterans who have courageously fought for our freedom. If true, the proposal under consideration would permit the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to ignore its core responsibility to provide health care services to our men and women who have a service related disability. The letter is available [HERE](#) .*

\*\*\*UPDATED\*\*\*

*The Washington Times [is reporting that President Obama has dropped his plans to take health insurance away from veterans](#) :*

*The proposal, which the administration said was never a certainty, called for generating an estimated \$540 million in savings by tapping veterans' private insurance for service-related injuries and ailments that for decades the government has been obligated to pay.*

*Opponents of the plan said they were concerned it would cause insurers to increase premium rates to cover service-connected disabled veterans and their families. They also worried that some employers, especially small businesses, would be reluctant to hire veterans with service-connected disabilities due to the negative impact their employment might have on obtaining and financing company health care benefits.*

*After a public outcry over the proposal erupted that included Democrats and Republicans, the administration decided it was politically untenable to press forward on the matter.*